

Summer Enrichment for AP Literature and Composition

What follows is not required but highly recommended.

Brief class overview: The AP English Literature and Composition course focuses on reading, analyzing, and writing about imaginative literature (fiction, poetry, drama) from various periods. Students engage in close reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature to deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure. As they read, students consider a work's structure, style, and themes, as well as its use of figurative language, imagery, and symbolism. Writing assignments include expository, analytical, and argumentative essays that require students to analyze and interpret literary works (AP® English Literature and Composition Course and Exam Description).

That being said, reputable fiction is our focus! FIRST, consider ...

Our first recommendation is to read at least one work of fiction this summer (but the more, the better, of course).

- ★ In Lang, you either read *The Great Gatsby* or *A Raisin in the Sun*; how about reading the title you didn't? Both of these works can be used on the AP Lit FRQ3.

How about picking up ...

- ★ a classic title you've wanted to read but haven't had the time to yet?
- ★ a Pulitzer Prize or Booker Mann-winning title?
- ★ a book that's been made into a movie or series? (read first, and then watch!)
- ★ a New York Times fiction bestseller from 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, or 2024?
- ★ a Goodreads favorite (adult fiction) or a Goodreads challenge?
- ★ a bestselling poetry or short story collection?

Second, add ...

- ★ *Julius Caesar* is this year's Heart of America Shakespeare Festival play, which runs from June 11-30 in Southmoreland Park, across from the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. What's fun about attending this outdoor play is that you can bring food and drinks (and you'll need chairs/blankets), but we'd also recommend arming yourself with bug spray for the mosquitos who will also be out for blood during the tragedy.
- ★ A book that's been made into a movie or series? (read first, and then watch!)
- ★ A movie or series version of a work of literary merit (you've read or not read): *Gatsby* and *Raisin* are great choices, but this can include adaptations of recent works too: *All the Light We Cannot See*, *Lessons in Chemistry*, etc.

We are excited to have you on board next year, and we'll be interested to hear from all who chose to partake in summer enrichment. Any questions? Need recommendations? Want to borrow a book? Please stop by or email Ms. Engel (room 414) ckengel@bluevalleykl2.org or Mrs. Harms (room 411) emharms@bluevalleykl2.org.

See you in August!